

**June 2004**  
**Early Action Compact Progress Report**



**County Name: Richland**

Was the Local Early Action Plan for the county submitted to DHEC by March 31, 2004?	Yes
In April 2004, what did EPA designate the county for the 8-hour ozone standard?	Attainment (P) and Nonattainment (P)

**1. In an effort to keep our contact information updated; please provide the following information for your county:**

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**2. Describe any progress (if applicable) since your March 2004 submittal? (stakeholder meetings, events held; special projects; etc.)**

- ?? **Midlands Gas Can Exchange Project**—June 5, 2004 (see attached flyer). Richland County is a sponsor, and active participant in this project. I am co-chair of PR activities for this project.
- ?? Richland County is going to apply for a **diesel retrofits grant**. Three Richland County employees (myself, Bill Peters—Fleet Manager, and Dawn Darby—Grants Manager) participated in a conference call with DHEC staff and other interested counties on May 13, and have alerted DHEC staff of our intent to submit a grant application. We are currently waiting on a “checklist” of items from DHEC. This checklist, per Henry Phillips, will let our Fleet Manager know what information to start gathering for the grant.
- ?? Richland County is waiting to hear from EPA regarding an **alternative fuels grant (CNG)** we submitted earlier this year. We hope to hear something by July. This grant involves Compressed Natural Gas vehicles for the County fleet. The cost would be shared between the County and EPA’s grant.
- ?? Richland County is considering applying for **ethanol fueling sites** “free money” from DHEC. We currently have issues regarding public accessibility. Liability and hours of operation are concerns for these publicly accessible sites. Richland County has 6 fueling sites, including the “main” site at Public Works headquarters (400 Powell Road). Our concern is this: will we have to allow public accessibility at the satellite fueling stations throughout the county (assuming we use these funds to install ethanol pumps there), or could we just open the Powell

Road site to the public? There are also concerns of theft to the equipment and/or damage to County property. Are there any other ethanol-related funds that we could apply for that DON'T involve public accessibility?

**3. Do you have any requests for specific assistance from DHEC and/or the EPA (outreach services, grants, etc.)?**

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- ?? We need the "checklist" for the diesel retrofits grant so that we can get started with this project.
- ?? We would like to learn more about liability concerns, etc. pertaining to the publicly accessible ethanol fueling site funds from DHEC. (See concerns with ethanol fueling sites bullet above.)
- ?? Please keep alerting us of upcoming grants pertaining to the Ozone EAP.
- ?? Thanks for your help!

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**4. Name of Person Completing Progress Report:** Roxanne Matthews

**Date:** May 24, 2004